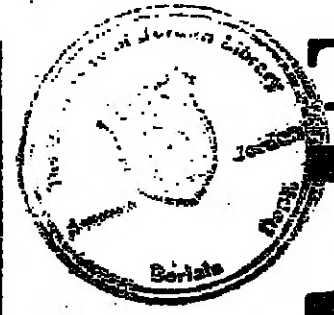


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Soviets release 42 dissidents, one a Zionist

Jerusalem Post Staff and agencies
MOSCOW. — Soviet authorities have freed 42 dissidents and human rights activists from labour camps, prisons and exile in the largest release of political prisoners since thousands left Josef Stalin's camps 30 years ago, sources said yesterday.



Roald (Alik) Zelichenok

One of the freed prisoners, Sergei Grigoryants, said late yesterday that the warden of Chistopol Prison, whom he identified as Maj. Akhmadeyev, showed him a list of 51 people earmarked for release. He did not know how many were actually freed.

"It's not really clear to me why I or anyone else on it [the list] is being freed," Grigoryants said.

Despite reports that "several" Jews were being released, apparently only one Prisoner of Zion, Roald (Alik) Zelichenok, has been freed. The list did not include other jailed Jewish activists, such as Yosef Begun, Yuli Edelstein and Zachar Zunshein.

Refusenik sources in Moscow reached by telephone last night said that they had no word that any Jewish prisoners of conscience other than Zelichenok were being released.

Some of the Jewish activists are upset at what they see as recent Soviet propaganda successes.

"The Western press is taking Soviet officials at their word when they state that 500 exit visas were granted last month, for example," said one activist. "But the real figures speak for themselves — 98 Jews arrived in the Vienna transit camp in January, and only 12 were refuseniks. At that rate, it will take 100 years to release all of the known refuseniks."

Zelichenok was one of 12 known refuseniks.

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An Israeli naval vessel confronts the merchant ship that attempted to land 50 Fatah members south of Beirut on Friday.

Boat intercepted Israel Navy seizes 50 Fatah men

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter
TEL AVIV. — An Israeli Navy force on Friday foiled a Fatah attempt to land 50 men on the Lebanese coast some 15 kilometres south of Beirut. The PLO men, who had boarded a small merchant vessel in Cyprus, were detained some 70 miles off the Lebanese coast, and taken to Israel.

senior the men were. But he did say that they had been trained in various countries, and some of those countries were described as "very interesting." He declined to elaborate.

The eight-member crew was also taken in for questioning and their future was unclear. Ben-Shoshan said they would be released if they proved they had not known who they were carrying, but otherwise they would be tried along with the Fatah men.

No arms were found on board.

Fatah has been trying intensively to move commanders and organizers into the Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon to reorganize its infrastructure there.

So far, several hundred Fatah organizers have reached Lebanon, using various routes. In some cases they sailed to the Christian part of Jounieh, and with the aid of the Christian-led Lebanese Forces reached Moslem-held West Beirut.

A Navy operation several weeks ago, in which two Cypriot ferries were stopped en route to Jounieh, highlighted the PLO's contacts with the Lebanese Forces. But Ben-Shoshan indicated that the Jounieh route is probably no longer in use.

The Maria R's destination, Khalde, suggested possible cooperation with the Druse who control that area. But Ben-Shoshan declined to point a finger at the Druse, saying it was not always clear who controls what in Lebanon.

But Friday's interception again pointed to Cyprus' role in the PLO return to Lebanon. Ben-Shoshan said that the PLO men change identities in Cyprus and that the island is a "major base" for PLO attempts to smuggle arms into Lebanon.

"The PLO," he continued, "uses passenger vessels, yachts, fishing and other vessels, and weapons are often concealed in shipping containers. Rocket-propelled grenades and machineguns had been found in food shipments, he said.

Alignment, Likud see budget row over soon

By MENACHEM SHALEV and AVI TEMKIN
Jerusalem Post Reporters
Both the Likud and Labour believe that the present crisis over the state budget and approval of aid for the kibbutzim will be resolved soon, although the exact formula for breaking the deadlock remains unclear.

Berri wants swap involving Israelis

Jerusalem Post Staff
The head of Lebanon's Shi'ite Amal movement, Nabih Berri, yesterday proposed a three-way prisoner swap among his organization, Israel and at least one of the groups holding hostages in Lebanon.

After 'Jerusalem Post' interview

Palestinian activist charged with incitement

By JOEL GREENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Charges have been brought against Palestinian activist Faisal Hussein for statements on the PLO made in an interview published in The Jerusalem Post.

A charge sheet was submitted to the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court at the instruction of the Justice Ministry, a senior ministry source said.

The legal action came following a complaint filed by Kiryat Arba lawyer Eliakim Ha'etzni. He charged that statements made by Hussein in a January 23 interview in The Post magazine violated the Terror Prevention Act and the Penal Law against sedition.

Ha'etzni's complaint cited the following:

□ Hussein said: "The PLO is the only legitimate representative of the Palestinian people."

□ Hussein compared the Palestinians under Israeli occupation to Europeans under German occupation in World War II, and drew an analogy between European and Palestinian resistance. "Once the PLO wins some victories on the outside and is perceived as strong, our morale here will also improve. We will be able to mount more

resistance, non-violent or otherwise, and then the world will pay more attention."

□ According to Ha'etzni, Hussein identified with the PLO, in remarks he made on the development of the PLO's political power. "Today the PLO is in the first stage. But it's only a matter of time before we reach the second. For the time being I can't force any plan on you, but I can stop any plan from being carried out without me."

Hussein said last night that he believed the charges against him were the outcome of a campaign by Ha'etzni against expressions of opinion by Palestinians. Ha'etzni has recently filed complaints against the editors of the East Jerusalem Al-Awda magazine for publishing an editorial stating that the PLO was the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinians. He has also made complaints against editors of the Al-Fajr newspaper for publishing an interview with Yasser Arafat.

Ha'etzni said his actions were meant to ensure enforcement of the law and to prevent "legitimization of the enemy," which, he said, would lead to Israel's "disintegration from within."

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Vice Premier Shimon Peres are expected to meet this morning to discuss the impasse. Ministers from both parties will hold consultations before today's cabinet meeting in order to consolidate their positions.

Finance Minister Moshe Nissim, who continues to insist that the NIS 266 million debt-rescheduling package for the United Kibbutz Movement be approved, told Likud members of the Knesset Committee that his office had already begun examining the financial demands of settlements in the West Bank and Gaza.

Berri told reporters in Damascus that in the first stage of the exchange, Amal would release an Israeli airman captured last October when his plane was shot down over southern Lebanon in return for the release by Israel of about 400 Palestinians.

Sources in the Israeli defence establishment last night indicated that they would very much welcome an opportunity to negotiate the release of the airman and soldiers missing in Lebanon — but they wanted to do it discreetly.

Commenting on Berri's statement, they said their first priority was to take care of the soldiers missing in action — those who were kidnapped and the airman.

"Israel will not spare any effort to bring its soldier-sons back home," one source said. However, he added, Israel "would prefer" not to discuss these matters publicly.

An anonymous telephone caller to a Beirut radio station said last night that Waite had been released in Beirut, but there was no immediate sign of the church envoy and no confirmation was available.

Terry Waite "will be released soon."

"I have spoken. I have worked and I have the feeling that he will be released soon," Berri said.

Berri said that Waite, who is feared held by the captors of American hostages with whom he had been negotiating, will be freed within 48 hours.

Waite disappeared in Moslem West Beirut on January 30 for secret negotiations with Shi'ite Moslem extremists.

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Palestinians meet EC group on aid for areas

By JOEL GREENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Palestinian businessmen and heads of chambers of commerce met over the weekend with a visiting delegation from the EC to discuss European aid to the territories and direct exports from the territories to European Community member countries, Palestinian sources said.

The EC delegation met last week with Israeli officials in an effort to follow up recent EC moves to grant preferential status to agricultural imports from the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

EC financial aid would be directed to various institutions in the territories, such as hospitals and schools, but not to private enterprises, the Palestinian sources said.

Discussions with Israeli officials have focused on allowing direct exports from the territories to EC nations. The move has been opposed by Israeli farmers concerned about competition. Israel has insisted that agricultural exports from the territories to Europe be coordinated through its agricultural cooperatives and the Agrexco marketing firm.

The Likud MKs have balked at approving aid for the kibbutzim, and are pressing also for budget allocations for the settlements and development towns.

Labour Knesset caucus chairman Rafi Edri said last night that his party rejects "trade-off" between the kibbutzim and the settlements. But Labour Party sources have said privately that they would not reject out of hand a Treasury-sponsored proposal for aid to the settlements.

Iraqi planes bomb nine Iranian cities

NICOSIA (AP). — Iraqi warplanes yesterday bombed nine Iranian cities, including the holy city of Qom, seat of Iran's religious hierarchy, defying Iranian threats of massive missile retaliation. Iran claimed its gunners shot down two of the jets.

The official Iraqi news agency, monitored in Nicosia, said Iraqi fighter-bombers struck twice at Qom, 160 km south of Teheran, claiming that the targets were "reduced to rubble."

The Iraqi war report said a U.S.-made Hawk surface-to-air missile battery in Khorramshahr was destroyed in an air raid on that city in the oil-rich southwestern province of Khuzestan.

The agency said the air force flew 232 combat missions yesterday. Iraq's powerful air force, which outnumbered Iran's air strength by about 6-1, has long held supremacy of the skies in the 6-year-old Gulf War.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) said the cities of Tabriz, Isfahan, Borujerd, Marivan, Arak, Andimeshk and Piranshahr were bombed, with many civilians killed or wounded. It did not give specific figures.

Husband jailed for \$385,000 Baltimore swindle

U.S. Jewish woman leader not resigning

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — Shoshana Cardin, president of the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF) in the U.S., is not expected to step down from her position despite the sentencing of her husband, Jerome Cardin, to 15 years in prison for stealing \$385,000 from a failed Baltimore financial institution of which he was part owner.

The CJF announced last week that it will hold its annual meeting in Jerusalem beginning on February 19. Shoshana Cardin, a devoted and highly-respected leader in the American Jewish community, is expected to chair the meeting. "She'll be in Jerusalem," a source close to her said.

Cardin was unavailable for comment, but her CJF associates and other leaders in the Jewish community

ity said that they have received no indication from her that she plans to resign, adding that there has been no pressure on her to quit because of her husband's conviction.

"She's truly beloved," a source in the Baltimore Jewish community said. "She's remaining silent about her overall intentions."

In a recent editorial, The Baltimore Sun praised Cardin as an outstanding community leader in her own right and defended her decision to remain active in Jewish and non-Jewish philanthropic affairs.

The CJF is the major umbrella organization of more than 200 Jewish federations throughout the U.S. These federations are the backbone of Jewish fund-raising activities for both local and overseas needs, including programmes in Israel.

Jerome Cardin, a politically-influential and well-known Baltimore lawyer and businessman, was

part owner of Old Court Savings and Loan, a local financial institution which went out of business nearly two years ago. Thousands of depositors lost money.

Its president and principal owner, Jeffrey Levitt, was convicted of stealing some \$14 million from the institution and is currently serving a 30-year prison sentence. Legal action is pending against other owners of the financial institution.

Cardin, who has been active in Jewish and non-Jewish philanthropic activities in Baltimore for many years, is currently out of jail on \$1 million bail. He is appealing his 15-year sentence.

The Washington Post has reported that he spent nearly \$1 million on his legal defence but was still sentenced to the maximum 15-year prison term. His wife sat next to him throughout the many weeks of his

highly-publicized trial in Baltimore. The judge had refused to consider his and his wife's direct appeals for compassion and a reduced sentence on the grounds of his record of philanthropy and other services to the community.

The highly-publicized collapse of Old Court Savings and Loan resulted in a major "run" on many shaky financial institutions throughout Maryland. For weeks, thousands of depositors were seen on TV news programmes queueing day and night to make withdrawals. Several of these institutions were temporarily shut down, leaving depositors without money to pay bills, mortgages and other expenses.

The collapse of Old Court followed the failure of another Savings and Loan institution in Cincinnati, Ohio, controlled by Marvin Warner.

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Haifa Port	49	10-19	16
Tiberias	64	10-15	12
Nazareth	64	6-18	16
Afula	67	4-15	12
Shomron	76	10-18	10
Tel Aviv	76	10-18	16
B-C Airport	65	8-18	16
Jericho	45	7-22	19
Gaza	76	10-18	16
Beersheva	57	4-17	16
Eilat	26	10-25	22

DISSIDENTS

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Prisoners of Zion currently held in Soviet labour camps and prisons. His release comes after an international outcry over the continued detention of a seriously ill man whose "crime" was apparently teaching Hebrew. He was convicted in 1985 of "slandering the Soviet state" because of comments he made about life in Russia in a letter to a friend in the West.

Zelichenok, a 50-year-old electrical engineer, suffers from extremely high blood pressure and last November suffered symptoms showing he was on the verge of a stroke. He taught Hebrew to fellow refuseniks in Leningrad before his arrest.

Freed prisoner Grigoryants said yesterday that only seven political prisoners remain in Chistopol, 800 kilometres east of Moscow. Among them is Begun.

"Begun remains in very serious condition," Grigoryants said. "He has been put on reduced rations."

Zelichenok's wife, Galina, said on Friday night that she had received a telegram that her husband had been freed. He is due to reach Moscow by train today from a camp in Kazakhstan, she said in a telephone conversation with a Soviet Jewry activist at Kibbutz Sasa.

Other Leningrad aliyah activists who were at Zelichenok's apartment said the Ovir (emigration) office had rejected new requests by refuseniks to leave the Soviet Union.

They said the Ovir told many people to submit new requests. But some Jews who submitted the new requests two to three weeks ago have already been turned down.

The news of the release of the 42 activists followed weeks of rumours about mass releases, but did not appear to be part of a general amnesty. Many political activists, including some prominent cases, were not included in the list of those reported released.

Prisoners at Chistopol estimate about 1,500 Soviets remain confined in prisons, labour camps and psychiatric hospitals because of their political or religious activities. Grigoryants said.

He attributed the mass release to "serious changes" under Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev. "The country is also much more dependent now on public opinion and the actions of governments of Western countries," he said.

HOME NEWS

Washington satisfied with Israeli cooperation so far

Head of Irangate probe 'may' come here

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. - Democratic Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii, the chairman of the Senate's Select Committee investigating the Iran-Contra scandal, has raised the possibility of "perhaps" visiting Israel at some point "down the road" to personally question Israeli officials and arms dealers involved in the affair.

But for the time being, Inouye and other lawmakers have expressed their general satisfaction with Israel's decision to cooperate with the U.S. investigations only by responding to questions in writing. Israel has also insisted that it will deal only on "a government-to-government" basis, through normal diplomatic channels.

The Israeli embassy in Washington said that Prime Minister Shamir, during his visit to the U.S. next week, has no intention of testifying before any investigatory panel about Israel's involvement in either encouraging the Iran arms sales or in

diverting profits to the Contra rebels in Nicaragua.

But Shamir, Israeli diplomats said, would meet with the Senate Foreign Relations and House Foreign Affairs Committees - something routinely scheduled during all visits to Washington by Israeli leaders. During the course of those sessions, the prime minister would of course respond to any questions posed by the lawmakers. "He will not avoid the question," an Israeli official said.

Shamir can be expected to meet with Inouye, who is also the chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations which allocates foreign aid. In addition, the prime minister will meet with the chairman of the House Select Committee on the Iran affair, Democratic Representative Lee Hamilton of Indiana. But that is because Hamilton also serves as chairman of the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East.

As it happens, an Israeli official recalled, Israeli ministers who come to Washington almost always

meet with Inouye and Hamilton "because of the other hats they wear."

Israeli Ambassador Meir Rosenne met last week with the Tower Committee investigating the affair and told the members that Israel was anxious to cooperate with that White House-appointed panel, but only under two conditions: the exchanges take place through official government-to-government channels and in writing.

Inouye, meeting with reporters last week in the Senate, suggested that the members would wait to see how complete and thorough that kind of Israeli cooperation proves to be before deciding whether he, Hamilton and the two ranking Republican members of the select committees seek an invitation to Israel to personally question officials and arms dealers there. No such decision has yet been made.

Inouye, who is widely respected in Washington, is also one of Israel's strongest supporters on Capitol Hill.

SLA repulses Hizbullah attack

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. - South Lebanese Army troops repelled an attempted attack by some 50 Hizbullah men Friday on their position near Tibnit, southwest of Nabatiye, in the security zone.

An IDF reinforcement engaged the retreating raiders, bringing their total number of fatal casualties to five. One SLA soldier was killed and

three wounded while three IDF soldiers were wounded, the IDF spokesman reported.

This was the 20th such attack on the position atop the Al-Tibnit ridge since August.

Earlier in the day, the IDF foiled an attempted reconnaissance on the position when an Israeli patrol killed two people observing the post from an unfinished building in the area. Hizbullah apparently hoped to

surprise the SLA by attacking at 2 a.m., and not at later hours as in previous instances.

The defenders stopped the attack at the fences surrounding the position. Met by heavy fire, the raiders abandoned at least one of their men, some 50 kilos of explosives, communications equipment, maps and a triangular red flag. Some of the explosives were packed into water canteens.

Jordan TV's 'man in Israel'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The state of war between Israel and Jordan and the Arab boycott of Israel do not seem to have prevented Jordan Television from taking on a local correspondent.

The correspondent, Ziad Darwish, an Israeli Arab from Acre, who works as a free-lance journalist, has already spoken to MK Yossi Sarid (CRM) in an interview that appeared last week on the Jordan TV Hebrew news programmes. Also in the works are interviews with MKs Elazar Granot and Mohammed Wattad, both of Mapam.

Darwish told Israel Radio on Friday that he was asked to do the interview for Jordan TV "through an intermediary," and is not yet the station's regular correspondent, although he would like to be so. The interviews are being filmed by a crew working for a British company.

The appearance of Israeli Knesset members on Jordan Television drew a sharp response from MK Gula Cohen. In a weekend discussion programme she said that it amounted to "political sabotage" especially in the wake of a recent call by Jordan's King Hussein for a Muslim army to liberate Jerusalem.

In response, Sarid told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that no one could accuse him of being a supporter of Hussein, but that "Jordan Television is a television like any other and I will use any outlet to express my views. If it is (the television of) an enemy state, then all the more so."

He added that the fact that Cohen was the only one to complain about his appearance on Jordan TV, proved that he was right.

He described Cohen as "the voice of unreason," adding that if she had her way, Israel would be totally isolated and cut off from its neighbouring states.

Ofra vandals to be charged

By JOEL GREENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two men from the West Bank settlement of Ofra face criminal charges after allegedly vandalizing Arab property at the Ein Yabrud village near their settlement.

A police spokesman said that the settlers confessed to smashing windows of a house and a car on Thursday with a slingshot. The two originally claimed they had bought the slingshot to shoot stray dogs which had become a nuisance to the settlement.

The men, arrested after the incident and released on Friday, will be charged with damaging property.

In Nablus yesterday, An-Najah University was ordered shut for the day on the grounds that disturbances were planned at the campus. Army units at roadblocks turned back students and faculty.

At the Balata refugee camp two soldiers were lightly hurt by stones hurled by youths, a military spokesman said. He said a camp resident was later wounded in a local brawl, though Palestinian sources said the man was beaten by soldiers.

Catholics set on Auschwitz convent

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Catholic Church seems intent upon maintaining a convent at Auschwitz. Dr. Yitzhak Arad, director of Yad Vashem, told reporters upon his return from Poland on Friday.

Arad, who visited Poland with a number of European Jewish leaders, including French Chief Rabbi Rene Sirat, noted that the Jewish group objected not only to the convent, but also to its dedication to the memory of Edith Stein, a Jewish convert to Catholicism who died there.

He said that the Catholic authorities had also suggested a Jewish religious presence at the former concentration camp, but that this had been unacceptable.

Jewish leaders are to raise the issue of the convent at Auschwitz again on February 22, during a scheduled series of Jewish-Catholic interfaith talks.



Shabbat visitors, Jews as well as Arabs, at Kalkilya's recently opened zoo.

(Andre Bruumann)

Transplant man leaves hospital

Jerusalem Post Staff

Dr. Michael Shirman, whose plight captured headlines worldwide when Soviet authorities denied his sister permission to immigrate to Israel to donate bone marrow to him, was released from Hadassah Hospital at Ein Kerem on Thursday after a successful bone marrow transplant.

But although doctors described the leukemia victim's initial response to the procedure as "amazing" and noted that his white blood cell count was normal, they were guarded in predicting his chances of total recovery until at least six months had elapsed.

Shirman, a cancer researcher, received the bone marrow from his sister Inessa Fleurova three weeks ago. His condition had deteriorated during the period when the Soviets delayed granting Fleurova permission to emigrate and donate her bone marrow.

GAMES CENTRE. - The Educational Centre for Games in Israel opened last week in Tel Aviv's Montefiore neighbourhood. The centre includes a permanent display of games for all ages and information on the importance of play in the development of children.

Reform Movement rejects Shamir's 'freeze' proposal

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel's Reform movement has no intention of acceding to a suggestion by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir that it hold off trying to register its converts as Jews for a limited period, according to Meir Azari, director of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism.

Azari told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that various advisers of the prime minister had approached them on the issue, but they had rejected it out of hand.

On Friday, Shamir had put the proposal to former interior minister Yitzhak Peretz, in an effort to keep Peretz's Shas party from leaving the coalition.

Peretz had resigned as interior minister after Shoshana Miller, a Reform convert from the U.S., won an appeal to the High Court of Justice that she be registered as a Jew on her identity card. In fact, Miller left the country before actual

ly receiving the ID card, but another couple, both Reform converts living in Kibbutz Mishmar Hanegve, are now petitioning the High Court in the same matter.

Azari told *The Post* that he expects the couple, who were converted by a Reform rabbi in Brazil, to win their appeal and that they will be followed by other Reform converts seeking registration. Until now, non-Orthodox converts have apparently been deterred by the publicity generated by requests for registration.

Azari said that he regarded the prime minister's request as an attempt to circumvent the Law of Return for political purposes. He also objected to the fact that Shamir had told Peretz that Shamir would discuss the issue with leaders of the Reform movement during his coming visit to the U.S.

"It is the Israeli Reform movement which he must deal with," Azari told *The Post*.

BERRI

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Islamic Jihad, a group of pro-Iranian Shi'ite fundamentalists, have also held journalist Terry Anderson and educator Thomas Sutherland, since 1985.

"I have information that Mr. Waite will be freed within 48 hours at most," Berri told a news conference in the Syrian capital.

"This information comes from friends," he said, but declined to elaborate.

The West German mass-circulation newspaper *Bild*, quoting unidentified Beirut security sources reported earlier on Thursday that

Waite was shot and critically wounded after he tried to escape from captivity. Shi'ite and Druse militia officials scoffed at the report.

Meanwhile, an anonymous claimant claiming to represent the Islamic Jihad, said yesterday that Waite was in "good health."

The spokesman denounced the build up of U.S. naval forces in the eastern Mediterranean, threatening to take reprisals against U.S. hostages and "all American nationals" if the U.S. Sixth Fleet did not withdraw immediately from the Lebanese coast.

Arab, Jewish youth brawl

ASHKELON (Itim). - A brawl between Jewish and Arab youths on the coastal road near Ashkelon on Friday night ended when police arrested four people. Two of the youths were injured.

The incident occurred when two youths from Moshav Beit Shikma were reportedly incensed at having been overtaken by a car with Gaza licence plates. They chased the Gazans and stopped their car north of Kibbutz Yad Mordechai.

A fight ensued during which one of the Gaza youths stabbed the two Israelis with a screwdriver.

Police who arrived on the scene arrested the four offenders. The two Israelis were taken to Barzilai hospital in Ashkelon for treatment.

Later the same night, an Arab youth was hurt in a fight with Jewish youngsters in Tel Aviv's Kikar Atarim parking-lot. Police have not ascertained the reason for the clash.

Supreme Court sends dentist to jail

The Supreme Court last week rejected an appeal by a Jerusalem dentist who had been sentenced to six months in prison for negligence. This is the first time in Israel's history that a dentist is being jailed for such an offence.

Prof. Yosef Anais, a prominent

dentist who once headed the Israel Dental Association, was found guilty of over-sedating four-year-old Aya Zimmerman and then sending her home while she was still unconscious. The girl died several hours later.



About 200 Palestinians from the territories who have been refused family unification permits demonstrated in East Jerusalem yesterday demanding that their relatives abroad be granted local residence. The chanting protesters held pictures of their relatives, placards, and a large banner with the words "Let My People Come." The protest was the latest in a series of actions organized by the newly-formed Committee for Family Unification, backed by the Palestinian Centre for the Study of Nonviolence.

(Brian Heidler)

Shin Bet rehabilitation 'step in right direction'

By MENACHEM SHALEV
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Shin Bet (General Security Service) chief's "rehabilitation" of the agency's three deposed executives "is a small step in the right direction, but far from enough," well-placed sources said last night.

In a meeting of Shin Bet department heads held last week, the agency's new head reportedly said that the three - Reuven Hazak, Peleg Radai and Rafi Malka - "did not do the state any harm by complaining about a cover-up in the Shin Bet. He also said that their actions represented the kind of norm which should prevail in the Shin Bet."

The attorney-general's report on the April 12, 1984 killing of two terrorists who hijacked the no. 300 bus and the subsequent cover-up found that the three deposed officers had acted correctly in exposing the affair. The report called for "information activities" to be initiated within the Shin Bet.

A separate letter sent by Deputy Attorney-General Yehudit Karp called for the three to be reinstated or, barring that, that they be publicly vindicated.

But the Shin Bet chief who replaced Avraham Shalom has refused to reinstate the three. On the other hand, several of the Shin Bet executives who were involved in the killings and cover-up have since been promoted. Two have taken up the former positions held by Radai and Malka.

"What's needed is the rehabilitation of the Shin Bet and not of the three," a well-placed source said last night. "That can only be achieved," the source added, "when the Shin Bet exercises the spirit of the cover-up by expelling those officers who took part in the crimes and who continue to support it to this day."

Haifa graves won't solve missing Yemenites mystery

HAIFA (Itim). - The discovery that unidentified bodies were buried in the Haifa cemetery is unlikely to solve the 37-year-old mystery of the missing Yemenite children.

Dr. Bezalel Bloch, former head of the Abu Kabir Institute for Forensic Medicine, said on Friday that children's corpses, including the bones, disintegrated quickly in the grave. If any of the missing Yemenite children had been buried in the Haifa cemetery, nothing would be left to identify today.

Last week it was revealed that over 100 immigrants who died in the Sha'ar Ha'aliya absorption camp in the early years of the state had been buried in the old Carmel coast cemetery. No record had been kept of their burial and no tombstones had been put on the graves.

The head of the local Sephardi burial society suggested last week that some of the bodies may have been those of Yemenite children who disappeared under uncertain circumstances in 1949-50.

Reluctant bride faked abduction

By JOEL GREENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A West Bank high-school girl who faked her own abduction yesterday in order to avoid an unwanted arranged marriage was found unhurt, police said.

An intensive search was launched for the girl after her classmate reported to the Jenin police station that her friend had been kidnapped by "four Israelis riding in a car." She produced a note warning that if police were told about the abduction the kidnapped girl would be harmed.

Police, who set up roadblocks throughout the country, were joined locally in the search by hundreds of Jenin residents, since the girl was a member of a prominent local family.

In the evening, the girl who reported the abduction confessed that

the kidnapping had been staged to save her friend from an unwanted marriage arranged by her parents. She took investigators to her home in the village of Zababdeh near Jenin where her friend was found hiding.

The missing girl was arrested and turned over to the Jenin welfare office to safeguard her from possible retribution by her parents.

Israel-Canada accord

TEL AVIV. - Israel and Canada have signed an agreement to cooperate in scientific research, particularly in the field of geology. Yosef Bar-Tov, director-general of the Energy and Infrastructure Ministry, announced last week. The agreement includes research in oil drilling.

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Thousand protest student's death by torture

S. Korean dissidents battle police

SEOUL - South Korea was rocked by widespread anti-government protests yesterday, with thousands of dissidents battling riot police under a cloud of tear-gas in the heart of the capital, as police blocked a major rally called to protest the death by torture of a detained university student.

National police chief Lee Young Chang said that nearly 600 people, most of them students and dissident activists, were detained during the demonstrations, which observers described as the largest and most violent anti-government protests to sweep the nation in six years.

Lee also told newsmen that 14 policemen were injured, two seriously, during the protests in several major provincial cities, and that "very few" demonstrators were "slightly" hurt.

The most serious clashes in the capital took place near a Roman Catholic cathedral where a memorial service was to be held for the student who died under police torture last month.

Witnesses said that some 350 students took over a police sub-station, set it ablaze with petrol bombs and stoned and burnt a police bus.

Nearby, police fired tear-gas to disperse thousands of youths trying to approach the cathedral in the busy commercial district of Myungdong.

Clashed between riot police and protesters were also reported from other cities where demonstrations to mourn the death of dissident student Park Chong Chul were planned. The government has admitted that Park died while being tortured by police in January.

In the southern provincial city of Kwangju, 400km. south of here, some 1,000 demonstrators clashed with riot police, hurling stones and petrol bombs, press reports said. Police retaliated with tear gas.

Pitched battles with riot police also took place in Pusan, a port city some 500km. south of Seoul where an estimated 2,000 people fought riot police for several hours in the downtown district, paralyzing traffic in the city, the press reported.

Clashes on a smaller scale were reported in several other cities.

The national police chief said that 35,000 police-

men were mobilized here in Seoul yesterday to cope with the protests and that half the nation's 120,000 strong police force was assigned to block rallies around the country.

He said that 323 of the 584 people detained were taken into custody in Seoul.

The organizing committee for the demonstrations said torture could be eliminated in South Korea only when the "military dictatorship" was ended and a democratic government established.

It demanded that the government disclose the whole truth about Park's death and called for the immediate release of all "prisoners of conscience."

Principal members of the committee include opposition leaders Kim Dae Jung and Kim Young Sam, who were placed under house arrest Friday along with some 30 other dissident leaders.

Police had raided 33 university campuses Friday to confiscate placards, leaflets and petrol bombs which, authorities said, students had planned to use during the anti-government demonstrations. (AFP, AP)

Philippine rebels refuse to extend ceasefire

MANTLA (AFP). - Communist insurgents yesterday refused to extend a 60-day ceasefire due to expire at noon today, and rejected the government's call for the resumption of peace negotiations.

"We cannot see any justification for extending the ceasefire agreement which the (armed forces) blatantly subverted and violated," the Communist-led National Democratic Front (NDF) alliance said in a written statement.

The statement did not explicitly say if the rebels would resume armed hostilities after the truce lapses, but an NDF spokesman said shortly after the peace talks collapsed last month that they would assume an "active defence" posture once the truce ended.

The NDF also laid down four conditions for a resumption of the peace talks.

It said it would return to the negotiating table only after President Corason Aquino had demonstrated her "determination and capacity" to pursue programmes that would "attack our society's

problems at their roots," and "assert and effectively exercise" civilian supremacy over the "fascist" military.

In addition, the rebels demanded "due recognition to the NDF as a political entity with a legitimate cause," and a government pledge to "work for a genuine settlement of the armed and political conflict."

The announcement appeared to have torpedoed Aquino's bid for a peaceful and negotiated solution to

the 18-year-old Communist insurgency and could leave her no other option but force, observers said here.

There was no immediate comment from government officials, but two provincial military commanders, in the northern and southern Philippines, ordered their troops to man battle stations yesterday.

On the eve of the NDF's declaration, some 70 Communist New People's Army (NPA) rebels attacked

an army outpost near the northern town of Luna, killing five soldiers and wounding five, the official Philippine news agency said.

In the southern island of Mindanao, regional military chief Brigadier-General Mariano Adalme said he had alerted all units in northern part of the island to prepare for possible NPA offensives as of midnight last night.

The president and the Armed Forces Chief, General Fidel Ramos, had earlier said that if the peace talks failed, military pressure would be gradually applied on the rebels' main fighting force, the 23,000-strong NPA.

The insurgency, now raging in all but 10 of the country's 74 provinces, has cost 20,000 lives in the last six years alone, according to official figures.

The peace negotiations were suspended January 22, hours after 15 people were killed when troops opened fire on farmers marching on the presidential palace to demand land reform.

Aquino is president until 1992

MANTLA (AFP). - President Corason Aquino of the Philippines yesterday received resounding approval in a popular mandate to rule until 1992, the government's poll watchdog body announced. In the same plebiscite, a draft constitution had been ratified by a landslide margin.

The government's commission on Elections (Comelec) ended its canvass yesterday, five days after the nationwide ballot in which 21.7 million, or 86.96 per cent, of the 25 million strong electorate cast their votes.

Comelec said it counted 16,605,425 "yes" votes, representing 76.29 per cent of the total votes cast and a lead of more than 10 million over the

"no" votes, which totalled 4,949,901, or 22.74 per cent.

The remainder were blank votes while official tally or 490,173 votes from three southern and central provinces which have not yet been turned in were disregarded because they would not affect the result.

Botswana 'threatened' by Pretoria for hosting rebels

GABORONE. - The Botswana government said yesterday that it had received threats from South Africa over the alleged presence of two members of the African National Congress (ANC) at an international conference here.

The statement said Pretoria had teleaxed the government saying it would act against Botswana for allowing into the country two members of the ANC, which is outlawed in South Africa.

At least 48 people have been killed in armed attacks on Botswana, allegedly by the South African military, over the past two years. South African forces have launched a series of strikes, some of them overt, on neighbouring black states over

the past few years.

A black girl, aged 15, was killed and another black child critically injured in a bomb blast outside a branch of Barclays Bank in the northern Namibian town of Oshakati on Friday, police in the South African-ruled territory said. Two other people were also hurt.

Although Namibian police said they thought guerrillas of the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) were responsible, observers noted that Barclays Bank has been receiving threats following a parliamentary statement in which President Pieter Botha alleged that Barclays' managing director might have funded an advertisement for the ANC. (AP, AFP)

Indo-Pakistan border crisis defused, but tensions remain

NEW DELHI (AP). - India and Pakistan have defused the military crisis along their frontier, but the longstanding tensions that led to the flare-up remain.

A bilateral agreement signed last week in New Delhi does not remove thousands of troops whose deployment close to the border caused tensions to rise over the past two weeks. And the legacy of three wars since 1947, when the Indian sub-continent was partitioned at independence from Britain, continues to plague the two countries' relationship.

The troubles began last month

when India moved troops into the western state of Rajasthan for winter military exercises. "Operation Brass Tacks" is believed to be the largest exercise the Indian military has ever conducted, involving some 200,000 men.

A diplomatic source said India had followed the usual practice of informing Pakistan but apparently failed to do so quickly.

The Rajasthan exercises put India's forces opposite Pakistan's most vulnerable territory, the Sind, which is beset by political turmoil and contains the country's only port, Karachi.

French torpedo anti-terror talks

By MICHEL ZLOTOWSKI
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. - The French authorities torpedoed the meeting of the seven industrialized countries on terrorism that was meant to take place on Friday, in Rome after the Italian foreign minister leaked information about it to the media.

The meeting, proposed by the Americans, was supposed to remain secret. Foreign ministry directors from the U.S., Britain, France, Canada, Italy, Germany and Japan were to discuss the situation created by the recent abductions of Western hostages in Beirut. But Italian Foreign Minister Andreotti, on an official visit to Washington, revealed the information.

According to reliable sources, both French President Mitterrand and Premier Chirac then decided to

call off the meeting. On Wednesday the U.S. charge d'affaires was told of the French decision.

Foreign Minister Jean Bernard Raimond also informed the American diplomat that the U.S. military activity in the Eastern Mediterranean was worrying Paris and warned him against any military action, on the grounds that this could endanger the lives of the hostages.

A French foreign ministry spokesman said later that the Rome meeting was not "the right place" to discuss the situation of the hostages. "Difficult and complex issues of that kind... will continue to be treated on a bilateral level in a discreet way," he said.

In reply to a question, the spokesman explained that France had held talks with Syria and Iran in order to secure the release of the hostages.



Soviet space ship commander Yuri Romanenko (foreground) and flight engineer Alexander Laveikin wave goodbye prior to the launching on Friday at the Baikonur cosmodrome. (AFP telephoto)

Syria to take part in latest Soviet manned space flight

MOSCOW (AP). - Two cosmonauts rocketed toward a rendezvous with the Mir orbiting laboratory early Friday aboard a new type of space capsule, embarking on the Soviet Union's first manned space mission since last July.

Press reports last month said they are to be joined aboard the Mir by a Soviet-Syrian team in July.

The blast-off from the Baikonur cosmodrome on the steppes of Soviet Central Asia was broadcast on television, which showed the two waving cosmonauts clambering into the Soyuz-TM capsule as snowflakes swirled around, and their rocket's plume of flame and smoke as it rose into the night sky over Soviet Kazakhstan.

Mission commander Yuri Romanenko, a 42-year-old space veteran, and his flight engineer, Alexander Laveikin, 35, who is making his first trip into space, are to go into orbit and dock with the space station today.

Interviewed on Soviet television at the mission control centre, Professor Konstantin Feokistov said that once aboard the Mir, the cosmonauts would be conducting experiments in astrophysics and performing other scientific work.

News reports last week said the Soyuz-TM craft has more sophisticated docking controls, radios, computer equipment and emergency rescue facilities than its predecessors.

The Mir, whose name means "Peace" in Russian, has been unmanned since cosmonauts Leonid Kizim and Vladimir Solovoyev returned from orbit on July 16 after spending 125 days in space.

Sino-Soviet frontier talks resuming

Gorbachev seen yielding on long-disputed river border

MOSCOW (AP). - A Chinese negotiating team headed by Vice Foreign Minister Qian Qichen arrived in Moscow yesterday to resume border talks with the Soviet Union suspended almost nine years ago.

The talks are an outgrowth of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's speech in Vladivostok last July, when he called for an end to more than 25 years of animosity in Sino-Soviet relations.

Gorbachev indicated the Soviets would accept the Chinese claim, which would set the boundary along the main ship channel of the two rivers, instead of along the Chinese bank, which Soviets have contended is the border.

At issue are some 600 islands, with an area of more than 1,000 sq. km. along the Ussuri and Amur rivers.

Since Gorbachev rose to power, there have been perceptible, if modest, improvements in ties. Trade with the Soviet Union, which comprised about half of all Chinese foreign trade during the 1950s, still lags far behind Japan, Hongkong and the U.S.

But it was expected to rise to \$2.5 billion in 1986, up from \$1.9b. in 1985 and \$360 million in 1982.

The Soviet Union last year

pledged to help renovate 17 factories built by the Soviets in the 1950s, and is now discussing cooperation projects in power plants and railways.

Trade fairs opened with much fanfare in Moscow and Peking last year, and long-closed consulates reopened in Shanghai and Leningrad.

Preceding the border talks, a protocol was signed last October on joint use of water resources along the disputed northeastern border.

There has also been a steady increase in cultural exchanges. As Qian left for Moscow, the Soviet national chamber orchestra was playing to packed houses in four Chinese cities.

The Chinese, however, insist that little progress has been made on the basic "three obstacles" that divide the countries - Soviet troop strength along the border, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and Soviet support for Vietnam's military occupation of Cambodia.

LIGHTNING. - Nine Zimbabweans were killed by lightning bolts in two days last week, raising the number of people killed by lightning since the beginning of the annual rainy season in October to 86, police reported in Harare.

IN BRIEF

Jordan executes Kawasmeh assassin

Post Middle East Staff
ABU DHABI. - Jordan has executed Naif al-Bayati, one of the murderers of PLO executive and deposed Hebron mayor Fahd Kawasmeh, the semi-official *al-Ithud* newspaper has reported.

The death sentence was carried out at an Amman prison on January 29, the newspaper quoted Jordanian sources as saying.

Kawasmeh was assassinated in the Jordanian capital on December 29, 1984. His killers were reportedly captured in September 1985 and were sentenced last month.

Kabul frees more political prisoners

MOSCOW (AFP). - Afghan authorities released another 1,300 prisoners from the Kabul central jail yesterday under an amnesty programme announced on January 15 by the government. Tass reported.

Under the amnesty affecting some 5,000 prisoners, which was adopted in late January as part of a national reconciliation plan initiated by Soviet-backed Afghan leader Najibullah, all members of opposition groups were to be pardoned (in "anti-government activities" carried out prior to announcement of the unilateral ceasefire which has been rejected by the guerrillas).

Prisoners convicted of carrying out sabotage attacks or other acts of "terrorism" and espionage were excluded from the amnesty.

U.S. counterfeit haul nets record \$17.7m.

LOS ANGELES (AP). - Secret service agents seized a record \$17.7 million in counterfeit \$100 bills in California and Idaho after arresting two men in an undercover investigation, spokesmen said on Friday.

Wick A. Helmandollar, a 40-year-old typographer from Salmon, Idaho, and cement worker Harold Cooper, 56, of Buena Park, California, were arrested without incident on Thursday, agent Mike Cohen said. Most of the bogus dollars were recovered after the arrests.

Chad throws back attack by Libya

N'DJAMENA (AFP). - Chadian troops have repulsed a Libyan offensive against the government-held oasis of Zouar in the far northwest of the country, officials in the capital said yesterday. Nineteen Libyans were reportedly killed.

However, analysts said that the main Libyan attack was expected to come soon against Fada, an oasis in the northeast of the country which was taken from Libyan troops by government forces on January 2. They said Zouar, located in the remote Tibesti mountains, was basically a "sideshow."

Sri Lankan troops kill 22 Tamil rebels

COLOMBO (AFP). - Twenty-two Tamil separatists and seven soldiers were killed yesterday when government troops attacked strongholds of the main Tamil militant group in northern Sri Lanka, military sources said.

The attacks were part of a major offensive launched in the northern Jaffna Peninsula area on Friday against the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), the largest separatist group.

Yesterday's operations were concentrated on LTTE strongholds in the Jaffna Peninsula as well as points south of the peninsula.

Ten guerrillas were killed at Kilinochchi and two wounded when government troops attacked Tamil separatist hideouts there.

An ammunition dump was destroyed in the raid and troops captured a large number of weapons, including mortars and rifles, the sources said.

Somalis, Ethiopians release French, Italian hostages

PARIS. - Ten French nationals handed over by Somali rebels to officials in neighbouring Ethiopia after two weeks in captivity, were due to arrive in Paris on a special military plane late last night, airport officials said here. Reports from Addis Ababa said the former hostages, six women and four men, employed by the Medecins sans Frontieres (Doctors without Borders) organization, arrived there yesterday on their way back to Paris.

Also yesterday, two Italian hostages released by their Ethiopian

rebel captors after more than a month's trek through the jungles of northwestern Ethiopia, left for Rome.

The Italian embassy in Khartoum, reporting this, made no mention of any connection between the two.

An embassy official said the captives were in good spirits when they were turned over to the embassy on Friday night.

He said the hostages had walked every day after their kidnap near Lake Tana in northwestern Ethiopia until they reached a border post.

Iran office in London openly buying arms

By DAVID HOROVITZ
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. - The silver plaque at the entrance to 4 Victoria Street asserts that the building is the headquarters of the National Iranian Oil Company. It isn't.

The centre of Iran's world arms buying operations is based on the top three floors of this nondescript office block, a stone's throw from the Houses of Parliament. Its real name is the Logistics Support Centre in the Name of God. Insiders call it "The Post Office."

Fifty Iranian officials, dealing in millions of pounds sterling each week, keep their country supplied with a constant stream of spares, missiles, shells, explosives and hand-grenades.

The existence of the office is well known to the British government. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher claimed only last week in the House of Commons that there was nothing illegal in the office's activities, and that closing it would not stem the flow of arms to Iran but would lose money for Britain.

Liberal leader David Steel, among others, is incensed by this attitude, believing that it makes a mockery of Britain's oft-stated "no offensive weapons sales" policy. He accused Thatcher last week of complacency and double standards.

Israeli arms dealer Ya'acov Nimrodi and Saudi billionaire Adnan Khashoggi, have reportedly called at the office at one time or another to negotiate supplies from a list reportedly sent daily from Teheran.

According to recent reports, Bri-

tan itself has repeatedly broken its own arms embargo, negotiating the sale, and arranging the shipment of Chieftain tank spares to Teheran.

It is also widely known that Land-rover has secured a contract for the supply of 3,000 vehicles, and that Plessey has arranged a £260 million package of radar equipment.

It is understood that "The Post Office" negotiates sales and oversees the shipment of arms to Teheran from all over Western Europe. Danish vessels are used, in the main, to pick up armaments from Portugal, Spain, Italy and Greece.

Often the Danish ships are also

carrying Iraqi supplies. They stop first at the port of Kadimah to unload the Iraqi weaponry and then proceed to the Iranian port of Bandar Abbas.

"The Post Office" is now said to control the most lucrative arms network in the world, and Steel called on the government to take action.

"We should be trying to get the Gulf war stopped," he said in a television interview, adding that parliament was being misled over the size of the London connection.

"We're not being told of the true extent of the shipments directed from this country," he added.

UK pressing Teheran to free businessman

By Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. - Britain stepped up pressure on Iran at the weekend for the release of Roger Cooper, the businessman who has been held in a Teheran jail for over a year.

Iran's charge d'affaires was reprimanded at the Foreign Office and told that Cooper's appearance on

Iranian Television on Thursday was "incomprehensible and totally unacceptable."

Cooper, 51, who has been held in the notorious Evin prison for 14 months without being charged, made a televised "confession," admitting to links with British intelligence.

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U.S. aircraft carrier in Haifa

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

HAIFA. — The 82,000-ton American aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy arrived here Friday morning for a week-long visit from its position with the U.S. armada off Beirut.

Rear Admiral Grant A. Sharp came ashore immediately after the ship dropped anchor outside the port, but made no comment except that he was happy to be in Haifa. He then drove to the Israeli naval base in the port to meet OC Navy Ahuf Avraham Ben-Shoshan.

The carrier was accompanied by the 10,000-ton ammunition ship, USS Nitro, which dropped anchor near here.

The Kennedy has some 85 aircraft and a crew of nearly 5,000 seamen and aviators, who soon descended on the town to enjoy their shore leave. They were ordered to keep in touch with the beach guard station set up in the port, in case of developments in the Lebanese hostage situation.

The big carrier was clearly visible from all over Mt. Carmel, and her gleaming aircraft lined up on her flight deck, with their wings folded, looked as though they were put out to dry after being washed. Yesterday morning little white sailboats of the Carmel Yacht Club swarmed around the big ship like flies.

At the beach guard station in the port, where

the ship's launches brought the men for shore leave, the city's tourism development company handed out maps and brochures and provided information. The USO Fleet Centre on Mt. Carmel was also crowded with men getting snacks and information and addresses for home hospitality with Haifa families.

Tomorrow, another Sixth Fleet vessel, the supply ship Savannah is due here, and a flotilla of five combat ships are to arrive on Monday for a fortnight's stay. On Tuesday, two Italian Navy ships are due for a four-day visit.

Three British naval ships that were to have come next Thursday have cancelled their call.

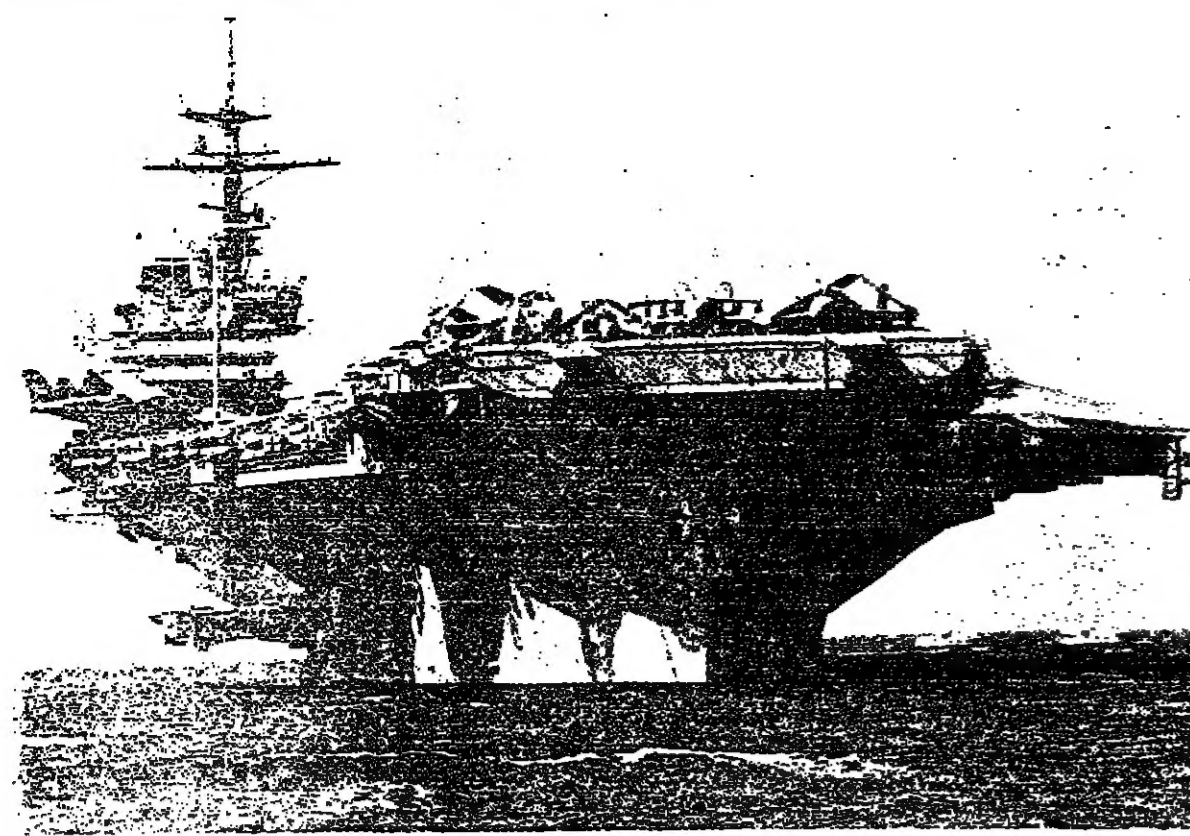


Rear-Admiral Grant A. Sharp, commander of the U.S. Navy task force deployed off the coast of Lebanon, comes ashore.

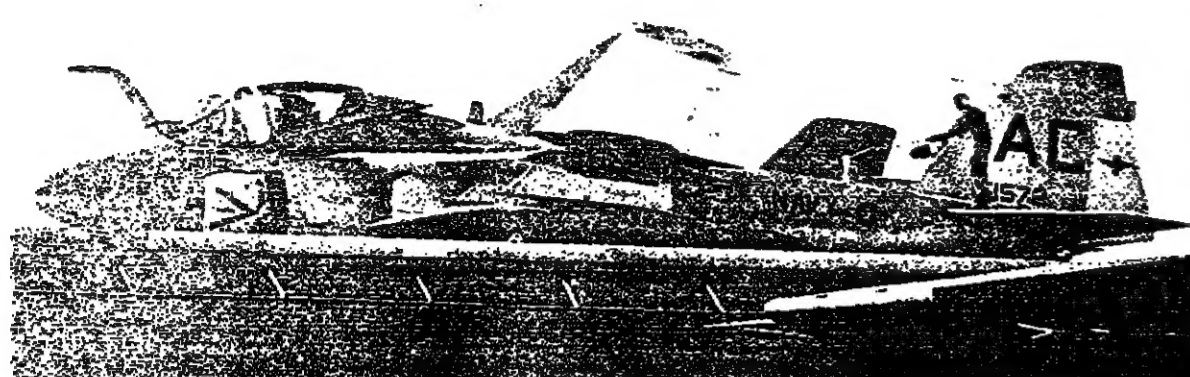


Sailors from the carrier study a map of Haifa before setting out to explore the city.

(C. Nutkiewicz/Media)



The American aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy (above) moored off Haifa yesterday. Below, a crewman mops down one of the warplanes on board.



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Gaza unrest hits illicit garages

By BRADLEY BURSTON

For The Jerusalem Post
GAZA. — The nearly three weeks of continuous unrest that have disrupted commerce and transportation in many areas of the Gaza Strip has taken an especially heavy toll on one of the regions most lucrative — and notorious — industrial enterprises: the so-called "underground garages."

Hidden in citrus orchards, behind dry-goods stores, and in walled-off backyards of private homes, Gaza's extensive network of underground garages is said by police to be the ultimate destination of one out of every three of the 15,000 cars stolen in Israel annually.

A senior detective assigned to the car-theft detail, asserts that experienced Gaza mechanics can "perform their surgery" (entirely dismantle a car's saleable parts) in 20 minutes or less.

Until recently, the underground garages did a brisk traffic in a wide range of illicit automotive services,

including the sale and installation of stolen parts, and "car theft-to-order," a complex transaction in which specified makes and models are stolen and matched with a large inventory of abandoned vehicles. Licence plates, registration documents, and engine-block serial numbers are replaced, and the "refurbished" stolen car is delivered to its new owner, often a discreet Jewish client in the greater Tel Aviv area.

Mountains of gutted auto hulks all along the Gaza Strip are eloquent if unattractive testimony to the success of the "industry" here.

Since January, however, the combined effects of a nationwide police crackdown on the auto-theft networks and a beefed-up presence of security forces in the wake of violent unrest have thrown a wrench into the "garages' formerly smooth-running operation. Large concentrations of Border Police and patrolling army units have effectively cut off some garages both from their principal supply sources and from their prized

marketing outlets across the pre-1967 border.

"Not only have many of the most important smuggling routes been closed lately," the detective told The Jerusalem Post, "but the continual checking of cargo and documents for security reasons has discouraged garage operators from taking to the roads."

Despite the current decrease in underground garage activity, the detective believes that the area's stolen-car entrepreneurs have too large a stake in their businesses to give up their tempting trade indefinitely.

"People all over Gaza have sold whatever businesses they had before this in order to open garages. They've sold restaurants, small clothing factories. These days it doesn't pay here to have any kind of business other than illegal garages, which bring in the area millions of dollars a year. As a result, the whole place has simply turned into one big garage," the detective said.

MUSIC REVIEW

Lack of empathy

ISRAELI PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. — Claudio Abbado conducting (Mann Auditorium, Tel Aviv, February 5). Mahler: Symphony No. 9 in D flat major.

EACH ONE of Mahler's symphonies constitutes a whole world of human feelings, emotions and thoughts relayed by means of myriads of musical ideas. This world grows and expands before us into almost unreachable infinity.

Abbado's rendition however remained closed and contracted with events occurring in perfect order but never combined into an all-encompassing statement of Mahlerian proportions.

Mahler demands total identification — actually a spiritual union between the performer and the music. Abbado not only did not identify, he desperately avoided identification. He approached the music from an external observation point, regarding it as his duty to reproduce the score with meticulous accuracy and to make all the notes sound right in time and textual location.

But what about the earthshaking conflict of forces of the first movement, the bizarre eccentricity of the second and third and, finally, the almost unbearable feeling of irrevocable departure and farewell of the last movement which actually should never come to an end?

Abbado never really penetrated the instrumental outer layer of all this. Even the last, slowly dying pianissimo section of the final movement, which did not develop from it organically but rather sounded like an independent addendum, never went beyond its purely instrumental meaning. BENJAMIN BAR-AM

Katsav concerned over drug addiction in Israel

By DAVID HOROVITZ

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. — Israel is planning to call for an international police effort to crack down on drugs. Labour and Social Affairs Minister Moshe Katsav said at the weekend.

Interviewed by The Jerusalem Post during his nine-day official visit to Britain, Katsav said that Israel was caught "in the eye of the Middle East drugs storm," and that only international police cooperation could break smuggling rings and stop the distribution of addictive drugs.

"Drug addiction is a serious and growing problem in Israel," the minister said, adding that he had been very impressed with British institutions for treatment of drug addiction.

"They have a 30 per cent rehabilitation rate at these centres," he said, "which might not sound terribly successful, but which in fact is very impressive. No matter how good the treatment, though, prevention is the key to beating drugs."

During his visit, Katsav held talks with Health Minister Norman Fowler and discussed the growing problem of Aids.

"We are lucky not to have as serious an Aids problem as exists in Britain," he said, adding that Israel

would continue to exchange information with Britain on counter-drug disease.

Katsav also held meetings to discuss juvenile delinquency, insurance fraud and Britain's Youth Opportunities Scheme for unemployed youngsters.

He also met with Employment Minister Lord Young, and concluded that Israel was "doing very well" to be holding joblessness down to 7 per cent, compared to Britain's 30 per cent unemployment rate in some areas.

When he meets on Tuesday with British Foreign Office Minister Timothy Renton, Katsav will make no secret of the Likud's opposition to the idea of an international peace conference.

Katsav said that such a conference "would not be useful for Israel or for the Arab states."

Katsav said that the Likud was less than happy to see Foreign Minister Peres touring European capitals touting the idea, "which has never won the support of this government."

But he added, foreign ministers were traditionally allowed some leeway, and the Likud would not seek to block these Peres missions.

Cruise ships desert the Mediterranean

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — The Mediterranean has become a virtual "dead sea," as far as cruise shipping is concerned.

Tensions in the area have made most of the cruise ships that used to ply the Med change course for the "calmer" Caribbean.

Only 16 cruise ships have informed the port of their intention to

come here this year and the show of strength of the American armada off Lebanon is unlikely to improve the situation.

In the past year, which was a "bad" year because of the 1985 Achille Lauro hijacking, 70 cruise ships brought tens of thousands of tourists here for one- to three-day visits.

Since then, the names of Boesky

IN BRIEF

Man who tried to con Balas's lawyer released

NETANYA (Itim). — A Hod Sharon building contractor who admitted to trying to con financier David Balas's lawyer out of \$40,000, was released on Friday in magistrates' court here on \$25,000 bail.

Michael Sharon was arrested by police when he took an envelope containing the money from the lawyer's representative. He had handed over documents that he said proved that those who testified against Balas had lied. Balas is accused of having defrauded the United Kibbutz Movement of \$29 million.

Sharon told the court that he committed the fraud on his own because of mounting debts.

'Run-away' receives suspended sentence

BEERSHEBA. — A Kiryat Gat man who reportedly "copes with stress by running away," received a nine-month suspended sentence on Friday from the magistrates court here for crossing the border into Jordan.

In June 1985, Rami Ben Mohamed Ali Kot, 55, went to the Dead Sea area and crossed into Jordan. Two weeks later he was returned to Israel over the Allenby Bridge. He originally told Israeli officials that a helicopter with Jordanian soldiers had kidnapped him and brought him to Jordan, but later, he confessed.

During the trial it was learned that Kot had previously crossed the border into Syria, and that even in Turkey from where he immigrated eight years ago, he would cross into foreign countries whenever he felt too much pressure.

Kot, who is married to a Jewish woman and who is the father of five children — was laid off from his job as a mechanic with Polgat two years ago. (Itim)

Man declared innocent after 3 years in jail

A Beersheba man who had already spent three years in jail for armed robbery was acquitted by the Supreme Court on Friday.

Aharon Kosashvili had been sentenced to seven years for allegedly taking part in the knife-point robbery of a Beersheba businessman.

The businessman's son and one of the two robbers were wounded during a struggle, but the robbers escaped. Kosashvili brought the wounded robber to hospital, and the two were spotted there by the businessman's family. In a police line-up held later, family members identified Kosashvili as the second robber.

The Supreme Court ruled that the line-up was invalid, since the family had already seen Kosashvili at the hospital. (Itim)

Anti-Zionist professor denied tenure at Suny

By WALTER RUBY

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
NEW YORK. — A controversial black South African professor, who told his classes at a Long Island university that Zionism is a form of racism, has been denied tenure but offered a "continuing position" in the New York State university system.

State University Chancellor Clifton Wharton, who left his position on February 1, issued a decision two days earlier denying an appeal for tenure by Ernest Dube, a professor of African Studies at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Wharton's decision on Dube was an affirmation of a 1985 ruling by Stony Brook President John Marburger denying tenure to Dube, and meant that the professor, who also has served as a member of the African National Congress Mission at the UN, will not be able to teach at Stony Brook after August. However, Wharton offered Dube a "continuing position" at another state university campus willing to accept him.

Wharton wrote Dube in a letter that he had a strong record of community service, but lacked enough scholarly publications to qualify for tenure. But Wharton noted: "It is clear that the circumstances surrounding consideration of your tenure and the human environment in which it is taking place (are) not neutral or merely academic."

The Dube controversy began in the summer of 1983, when a visiting Israeli professor, Dr. Selwyn Troen, accused Dube of using his course, "The Politics of Race," as a propaganda forum against Israel and Zionism. Dube, who was imprisoned in South Africa in the mid-1960s taught his class that Zionism was a form of "reactive racism," and asked his classes to respond to a test question which read: "Zionism is as

much racism as Nazism was racism."

A faculty committee cleared Dube of charges that he had violated academic ethics, but an angered Jewish community pressured Marburger to forbid the teaching of "Zionism is racism."

Governor Mario Cuomo also denounced the Stony Brook faculty for not speaking out against Dube's teachings.

The pressure by the Jewish community on Marburger to get rid of Dube engendered strong support for the professor by black students and faculty. African Studies Department head Imam Amiri Baraka, (formerly called Leroy Jones) a radical black poet and historian who was accused of anti-Semitism during the 1960s, told the Long Island newspaper, Newsday, that Wharton's decision was "neatly-mouthed and hypocritical," and charged that such a decision would have been made only in the case of a black man.

Wharton, who had been state university chancellor since 1978, also is black.

Rabbi Arthur Seltzer, former executive director of the Long Island branch of the Anti-Defamation League, who led the Jewish protest against Dube's teachings, said he is "gratified" by Wharton's decision. It "seems to vindicate our concerns that there was a serious lack of professionalism and an abuse of the classrooms of the state university," he said.



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WOMAN LEADER

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a well-known Jewish philanthropist and political activist. There was a similar "run" on other banks in Ohio because of that collapse.

In both failures, there were allegations of theft and gross mismanagement.

The American Jewish community clearly has been shocked by these scandals involving prominent Jewish families as well as by the Boesky affair and other allegations of corruption against several Jewish politicians in New York and Philadelphia. Late last year, Ivan Boesky was fined a record \$100 million by the U.S. Justice Department for profiting from illegal "insider trading" on the stock market.

Since then, the names of Boesky

and other mostly-Jewish traders on Wall Street who have been implicated in various illegal activities have remained in the headlines — a source of considerable embarrassment to the American Jewish community.

Like Cardin, Levitt and Warner, Boesky had been very generous in his financial contributions to many Jewish causes, including the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York — the major rabbinical school for the Conservative movement, and the United Jewish Appeal/Federation in New York. Boesky had also pledged a huge sum to construct a Jewish students' centre at Princeton University in New Jersey. But plans for that student centre and other projects have been derailed by his indictment and fine.

Reduction in firms with money troubles

By SIMON LOUISON
For The Jerusalem Post
TEL AVIV. — Over 2,180 companies got into financial trouble in the last six months, but the figure marked an 11 per cent drop from the previous six months.

Financial analysts Dun and Bradstreet Ltd. said it was the first time since January 1985, that there was a decline.

D&B defines companies in trouble as those having problems with liquidity, unable to meet goods or service obligations, having drastic cuts in activity, or being put into receivership.

However, the total turnover of the companies in trouble, \$3.5 billion, was high, according to D&B. The figure represents about 12 per cent of the gross national product.

Of those companies in trouble, 98 per cent are privately held. This does not mean the government and Histradrut enterprises are necessarily

better financial managers. They are able to transfer their burdens onto the tax-payer, D&B noted.

Contrasted with the decline in companies in trouble was a worsening record of company payments generally. Although this trend is not measurable in quantitative terms, D&B said the trend was clear from their survey of thousands of companies. An analyst with the company suggested that this trend was more the result of an effort by companies to delay payments as long as possible than of an inability to pay.

Most problems are in the construction industry and business services. The number of industrial companies represented was consistent with their proportion in the economy, D&B said.

The analyst said that the decrease in the number of companies in trouble was encouraging, but the payments situation was worrisome.

Nilit mulls U.S. office as part of export drive

By KEN SCHACHTER
For The Jerusalem Post
MIGDAL HA'EMEKE. — Nilit Ltd. in a bid to bolster its sales of nylon polymer and yarn in North America, is considering opening a U.S. subsidiary, executives told The Jerusalem Post.

Marketing manager Louis Rousso said Nilit was also considering the opening of a sales branch in Britain. But while plans for the U.S. were likely to go ahead, approval for the British branch was less certain, he added.

The decision on whether to set up the branches will be made by June. The Tel Aviv-based company, whose plant is in Migdal Ha'emek, already has sales branches in Milan and Lyon, France.

President Michael Levi said the company might revive its initiative to go public. "I hope the Israeli stock market will be receptive," he said.

Three years ago, the company scheduled a stock offering, which was made just two days before the bank shares collapse. The timing effectively quashed any hope of raising capital and the offering was withdrawn. The privately held company was founded in 1974 by Levi's father.

Levi predicted a 22 per cent increase in sales this year to \$65 million. In 1986, sales reached \$53m., a 30 per cent increase over 1985, Levi said. Profit figures were not re-

leased. Eighty per cent of Nilit's sales come from exports to 20 countries, the primary markets being Italy, the U.S., Canada, Britain and France.

The company foresees substantial growth in the sale of polymers for injection molding and engineering plastics.

Rousso said there was a "reasonable prospect" this year of doubling the \$7m. in polymer sales recorded in 1986.

"This is an area of dramatic growth for us," he said. Such polymers are used extensively in the production of auto parts, including fenders and radiators.

Still, the company's main product is nylon yarn, used mostly in stockings and panty hose.

The company has installed machinery to "texturize" nylon yarn. Previously, Nilit sold only unmodified yarn and textile manufacturers would have it processed.

Rousso said the installation of the texturizing machines signalled a shift in the company's emphasis. "It's an essential transfer from the chemical to the textile industry," he said.

Nilit yarn is used in Israeli panty hose made, for example, by Gibor and Can-Can.

Levi, 33, has been the company's managing director since he was in his mid-20s. When his father died two years ago, he became president.

EXECUTIVE CHANGES



Moshe Schnitzer (left) receives an award marking the 70th anniversary of Associated Merchandising Corp. Presenting the awards are Phyllis Albertson, an AMC vice president, and Oded Shenberg, AMC's Israel representative. (Fuchs)

Lorico names Israel unit head

The Washington-based Lorico Trading Group has named SETH EISENBERG as the company's new Israel operations manager. Lorico, an international commerce and marketing organization, specializes in the import and export of specialty products between the U.S. and Israel.

Eisenberg said the company "is exploring every opportunity to dramatically increase Israeli exports to the U.S., and bring needed American products to Israel." Eisenberg is the former national president of the 300,000-member Junior Achievement free-enterprise youth group in the U.S.

A committee of outside figures has been named to the investments committee for the Hadar, Nirit and Eschelon pension funds of United Mizrahi Bank.

Appointed were: YEHUDA FRIEDENBERG, deputy managing director for finance at Dead Sea Works Ltd.; TUVIA MARGALIT, controller at Tnuva; YA'ACOV FACTOR, managing director of Clal Development; EITAN RAFF, chairman of Paz Oil Co.; AMNON NEUBACH, vice president for fi-

nance at Scitex Corp.; and YORAM GALON, vice president for finance at El Al.

The three funds are operated by Netivot, a company 60 per cent owned by Mizrahi and 40 per cent by private investors.

Associated Merchandising Corp., the U.S. retailing giant that owns such chains as Bloomingdale's and Dayton Hudson, honoured its top suppliers in Israel last week to mark the company's 70th anniversary.

Receiving the awards were: MOSHE SCHNITZER, chairman of M. Schnitzer and Co., which supplies AMC with diamonds; JUDITH GOTTLIEB, managing director of Gottlieb Ltd., the maker of women's swimsuits; YORAM RADOSHITSKY, managing director of Enka Ltd.; and JACOB EKSTEIN, a partner in Ekstein Knitware Ltd., both makers of children's wear; and YOSIE POLLACK, managing director of Ouman Knitting Mills Ltd., which supplies AMC with men's clothing.

Presenting the awards were ODED SHENBERG, the head of AMC's purchasing office in Israel, and PHYLLIS ALBERTSON, an AMC vice president.

Mizrahi, workers close to salary pact

A long-standing dispute between Mizrahi staff and management over pay is nearing an end after several crises and occasional sanctions by the staff.

A new wage agreement is in the offing, which will grant some wage increases to all personnel retroactive

to the beginning of 1987 or to December 1986. The bank will thus have escaped paying any wage increase for 1986, which it claims its poor profitability prevented it from doing.

Mizrahi was the only one of the major banks to report a loss for the first half of 1986.

MIDDLE EAST ECONOMY

Aramco pact may steady oil price

By TED D'AFFLISIO

A long-term accord by four major U.S. oil at fixed prices from Saudi producer Aramco could help stabilize world prices at around \$18 a barrel.

Oil analysts say the multi-year agreement announced last Tuesday adds credibility to recent efforts in Geneva by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to raise prices to a world benchmark of around \$18 a barrel.

Oil traders, however, greeted the news quietly, and prices in New York ended firm on Thursday, with the March contract for the U.S. benchmark West Texas intermediate at \$18.58 a barrel, up 32 cents from Wednesday. "We need more details of the agreement to assess its significance," said one oil trader.

Aramco was nationalized by the Saudi government in the 1970s and owns 100 per cent of the kingdom's oil assets, which it contracts out to its four U.S. shareholders: Exxon, Texaco, Chevron and Mobil.

Industry sources say the contract may run as long as five years, but Aramco would confirm only that the agreement was for longer than one year. An Aramco spokesman would not say whether the agreement included escape clauses and sanctions for reduced output if the price of world oil falls.

"I think it's basically a neutral

move," says Richard Marose, who watches oil markets in Chicago for Geldermann Inc.

"It locks the oil companies into a \$18-a-barrel price for now, which is where the market is anyway," says Marose, adding that he considered it "more of an insurance policy" against future price increases.

Other oil traders say the market's most immediate concern is the overhang of refined products, which is pushing prices lower after a run-up in December and January.

Under the terms of the agreement, which is not yet final, Aramco will buy the market Saudi light grade at the official government price, now \$17.52, for resale to the U.S. oil companies. "But," an Aramco spokesman says, "the price will vary with the official price set by the government."

Many U.S. industry sources are surprised at the Aramco statement because it flew in the face of reports as recently as two weeks ago that the four U.S. oil companies had refused any fixed-price contracts.

"It must mean that the major oil companies now believe that oil prices will stabilize at about \$18 a barrel, if not higher," says David T. Mizrahi, the editor of *Mideast Reports*.

"They are ensuring their access to low-priced oil if higher prices occur."

Analysts say the move may also signal the oil companies' belief that oil stocks will be seriously depleted within the next five months, tightening supplies and firming prices.

Industry sources say the action by these oil companies, the four largest in the U.S., will set the tone for other negotiations with the Saudis and reflects a growing belief the Opec accord will hold.

But many analysts say the agreement could hurt the oil companies' earnings, particularly if spot prices should fall sharply without a change in the official prices they will pay.

"This was very much the situation that existed between 1982 and 1984, when the world was talking about the Aramco disadvantage," says Charles Maxwell, an analyst with Cyrus J. Lawrence in New York.

At the time, the Aramco partners were paying official prices far above the spot prices paid by their competitors, which had a negative impact on earnings.

Oil traders also note that other grades of oil currently competitive with Saudi light, in particular the benchmark Dubai grade, are selling in the spot market for as low as \$16.88 a barrel, nearly 60 cents below its officially mandated Opec price.

"We are hearing other Opec grades selling below their quotas, which is also a very negative sign," Maxwell says. (Reuter)

BUSINESS BRIEFS

LOANS FOR PEOPLE buying apartments in areas where the government is encouraging settlement have gone up from NIS 7,000 to NIS 10,000. The 20-year loans, at 6 per cent annual interest, are linked to the Consumer Price Index and are good for contracts signed from February 1 to May 31, 1987.

WANG INC., the U.S. computer giant has appointed Isra Tel Telecommunications Systems Ltd. as its new Israeli agent in place of Dror Computer Systems Ltd.

Dror was replaced because of customer dissatisfaction. A user group had formed to sue Dror for alleged negligence and breach of warranty, and the matter came to the attention of the Wang boss himself, Dr. An Wang. Wang engineers are expected here from the U.S. to deal with any problems.

RAFAEL, THE DEFENCE MINISTRY'S Armaments Development Authority, exported \$72 million worth of electronics and electro-optics goods, rockets, missiles and tank protection devices last year. This year Rafael's exports are expected to top \$100m. The authority's goal is to export 50 per cent of its total production.

KIBBUTZ HAZOREA has opened a quality inspection centre for measurement devices. Two companies, one German and one British, have agreed to exchange all knowledge with the kibbutz on dimensional quality inspection and measurement methods.

Many factories are asked by clients to prove that the measurement equipment they use in production is accurate. Israeli companies must adhere to precise measurement standards to compete internationally.

SHAHAF AVIATION SERVICES Ltd. was ordered by the Transport Ministry on Wednesday to stop its package delivery service between Tel Aviv and Eilat.

A ministry spokesperson said that Shai Shohami, head of the Civil Aviation Administration, had informed Shahaf that according to regulations, a domestic charter company was allowed to carry only luggage belonging to passengers on board. Shohami also gave the air carrier 14 days to answer complaints about the security measures it took regarding the packages.

Shahaf operates daily charter flights between Tel Aviv's Sde Dov Airport and Eilat.

Opec cuts output in line with accord

PARIS (Reuter). — Opec crude oil production fell to 16.5 million barrels a day in January from 17.5 million in December, the International Energy Agency reported Thursday.

In its latest monthly oil market report, the IEA said the January level was broadly in line with the Opec December agreement, which set a ceiling of 15.8 million-barrels daily for first half 1987. The production of Iraq and from the neutral zone between Saudi Arabia and Kuwait is not counted under the quota system.

The main change for the organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in January was the 1.1 million barrels a day reduction in exports from Saudi Arabia, the IEA said.

Saudi exports fell 1.1 million barrels in January, and production probably fell the same amount, to 3.8 million barrels from 4.9 million, the IEA said. But "this does not necessarily mean that sales of Saudi crude were also down by 1.1 million barrels per day. There are indications that some Saudi crude may have been sold from Norbec stocks in northwest Europe," the IEA said.

Preliminary estimates indicate a small rise in both Iranian and probably Iraqi output last month from December levels, to 2.2 million and 1.6 million barrels-a-day, respectively, the IEA said.

Total world oil supply in January fell to 45.7 million barrels a day, down 1.3 million from December, mainly due to the fall in Opec output.

The IEA said fourth-quarter consumption by Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development states rose between 1.5 and 2 per cent on year-earlier levels and it expects a similar growth rate in the first three months of this year. In the whole of 1986, Opec oil consumption appeared to have risen by about 2.5 per cent to 34.8 million barrels daily, the IEA said.

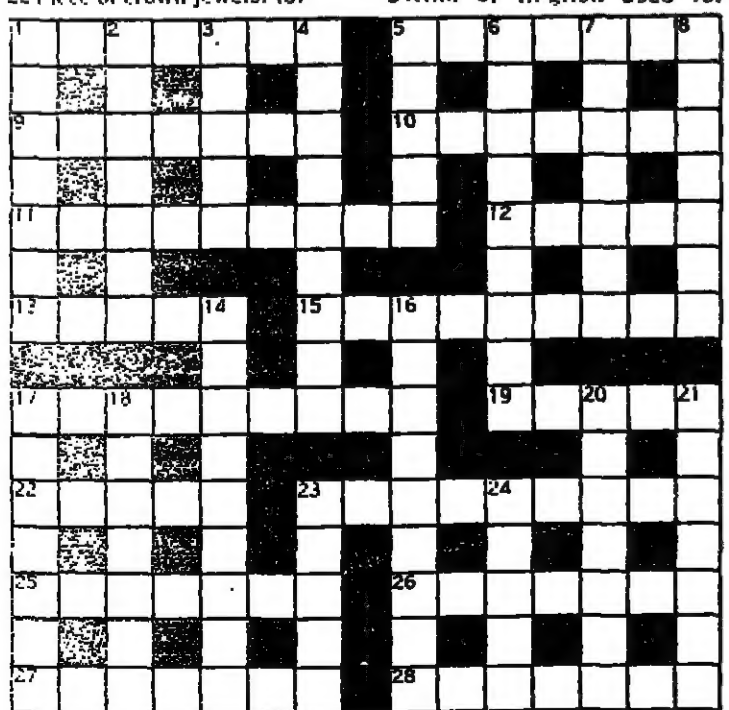


CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Court cards? (7)
 - Old coins advanced for vehicle going downhill? (7)
 - Thomas, the flower poet? (7)
 - Sort of cup for people up? (7)
 - Laudation involving CE praying? (9)
 - Blunders of cricketers? (5)
 - Reginner left in mountain province? (5)
 - Engagement to alter both, possibly? (9)
 - Opposed to putting beef in can? What's the remedy? (9)
 - Mind leaving Wimbledon? Characters left can give trouble there? (5)
 - Piece of crown jewels? (5)

- DOWN**
- 23 Addison's organ's not for the player? (9)
 - 25 Water that is sweet-smelling, once log is dislodged? (7)
 - 26 Motorway setback—vibration in drive? (7)
 - 27 Trouble in the labyrinth? (7)
 - 28 Having struck out, code six away? (7)

- DOWN**
- 1 Kitty has means of raising container? (7)
 - 2 Higher course remains to be arranged? (7)
 - 3 Supplementing capital a penny short? (5)
 - 4 Terrible hard life in one, presumed Alice? (6,3)
 - 5 Kind of English used for



Friday's Solutions

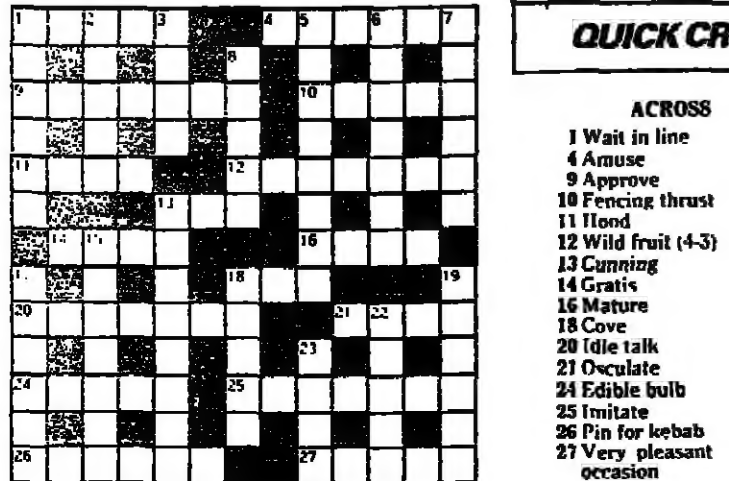
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QUICK SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1, David and Goliath; 9, Stunned; 10, Insults; 11, Escalated; 12, Regal; 13, Sitting; 15, Indulged; 17, Mirages; 19, Figur; 21, Nails; 25, Overlakes; 26, Ullaker; 28, Gauging; 27, Sleeping tablets.

DOWN: 1, Busters; 2, Veils; 3, Deranging; 4, Nodding; 5, Grilled; 6, Loner; 7, Alligator; 8, Huddled; 14, Terminate; 16, Light bulb; 17, Manager; 18, Spurred; 19, Freight; 20, Dosages; 22, Skimp; 24, Kinte.

QUICK CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Wait in line
 - 2 Amuse
 - 3 Approve
 - 4 Fencing thrust
 - 5 Head
 - 12 Wild fruit (4-3)
 - 13 Canning
 - 14 Grates
 - 16 Mature
 - 18 Cove
 - 20 Idle talk
 - 21 Osculate
 - 24 Edible bulb
 - 25 Initiate
 - 26 Pin for kebabs
 - 27 Very pleasant occasion
- DOWN**
- 1 Slake
 - 2 Bequeath
 - 3 Nobleman
 - 5 Deceptive
 - 6 Blood relationship
 - 7 Escaped
 - 8 Transport
 - 13 Period of imprisonment
 - 15 Understand
 - 17 Side in side
 - 18 Lineage
 - 19 Climb
 - 22 Picture
 - 23 Injure

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Watching Gorbachev

WITH every passing day evidence mounts that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev is engaged in a genuine, and genuinely risky, effort to wrench his society free from the stultifying grip of autocracy. That effort is not guided by a western vision of political pluralism and democracy. But it is informed by a plain need to loosen the rigid controls of party oligarchy and state bureaucracy that stifle the Soviet system.

This new pragmatism is not restricted to the Soviet Union. It is felt elsewhere in Eastern Europe, and, with fits and starts, in China. One-party rule, commanding the national economy in the name of the people and the state, which was supposed to bring a fusion of individual and collective welfare has instead brought despotism and economic decay.

Mr. Gorbachev, and those who think like him in Moscow and elsewhere, seek to dismantle the rigidities of centralized control without, however, relinquishing the monopoly of domestic power vested in the Communist Party. This is a tall order and huge gamble. For freedom has a logic of its own, and those presiding over the cockpits of social control in a closed society inevitably resist its corrosive intrusion. They equate limited freedom and limited control with abdication, and can be counted upon to resist Gorbachev at every turn.

Remarkably, Gorbachev has publicly admitted as much. His emissaries in the West have now conceded that his attempt to breathe air into his party by allowing forms of secret elections to party forums and factory managements has encountered opposition.

But the Soviet leader pushes on. He has followed up on the recent release of Andrei Sakharov by freeing more dissidents. And now, there are insistent reports that refuseniks may be released and the doors to Jewish emigration may be opened beyond the pitiful cracks of recent years.

Gorbachev's gambit will require measured and intelligent response from the West and from Israel. To sustain his drive and face down his foes, he must demonstrate gains that only the West can grant. But such dividends should not be provided in exchange solely for rhetoric and public relations forays.

In Israel's case some kind of sliding-scale policy must be formulated. The more liberal the emigration of Russian Jews, the more forthcoming should be policies of Jerusalem and the attitudes of Jewish communities abroad, especially in the U.S. where their influence on national policy, as the Soviets are aware, is significant.

Neither total scepticism about the capacity of change in the Soviet Union, nor unwarranted zeal to remake the Soviet system, can be the guides for the West, for Israel or the Jewish people. Rather, the tough pragmatism that Gorbachev represents should be matched by an equally tough pragmatism by those whom he would impress.

Above the law?

WHILE official Israel continues to remain silent on Israel's role in what is termed "Irangate," leaving the field open to what may be tendentious, but certainly discomfiting disclosures in Washington, one participant shows no such reticence. He is Ya'acov Nimrodi, the former military attaché in Iran turned trader with Iran, who helped father the Israel-American arms deals with the Khomeini regime.

Almost from the start of the Irangate disclosures, he has kept up a steady patter in the local and international press. But last week he went further. In an interview in *The New York Times*, he disclosed that Israel - before the deal with the U.S. - had arranged to sell \$50 million worth of Israel-made weapons to Iran. And as an additional inducement, Teheran was to give Israel a captured Soviet-made T-72 tank seized from the Iraqi army in the Gulf war.

This revelation contradicts official Israeli protestations that it does not sell arms to Iran. It also betrays the kind of confidential information that would make ordinary private citizens culpable before the law.

That Israeli correspondents of *The New York Times* are often enabled to report information that would be scissored by the military censor for other news organizations is not new. It attests to that newspaper's special standing and special clout. In any case, its journalistic enterprise, professionally welcome, does not bear responsibility for Mr. Nimrodi's decision to make public what others are enjoined by law to keep secret.

The question that arises is whether Mr. Nimrodi, a self-made multi-millionaire with easy access to the top levers of power in Israel, is rendered immune to the official constraints governing the Israeli press, the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, officials whom he maligns, like the prime minister's adviser, Amiram Nir, and on what grounds?

If he can divulge state secrets to *The New York Times* with impunity, then let us change our laws, and let us begin by dismantling military censorship.

POSTSCRIPTS

P.S. HISPANICS, Asians and blacks could outnumber non-Hispanic U.S. whites a century from now, a private population group reports.

"If illegal immigration remains high and annual immigration averages 1 million, the non-Hispanic white population would drop to just under 50 per cent in 2080," said the new study by the Population Reference Bureau.

The 1980 census counted 226.5 million Americans, of which 79.9 per cent were whites other than Hispanics. The census said 11.7 per cent of Americans were black, 6.4 per cent were Hispanic and 2.0 per cent were Asians and others.

At current immigration rates, the non-Hispanic whites could shrink to 49.8 per cent of the population by the year 2080 - becoming "the largest minority in a nation without any ethnic majority population."

P.S. REMEMBER how ping-pong competition served as the initial point of contact between Red China and the U.S.?

Well, the dedication recently at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem of the Ron D. Barbaro Chair in Veterinary Medicine recalled for some of the participants a similar occasion some months earlier in Toronto at which, probably for the first time, a representative of the People's Republic of China attended a public event involving an Israeli institution - and all because of a pair of pandas.

Ron Barbaro, a Toronto businessman of Italian descent and volunteer chairman of the Toronto Zoo, was being honoured in that city by the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University as the recipient of the *Friends' Scopus Award*. Among the guests at that dinner was Xia Hong Chong, consul-general of China in Toronto. Chong attended because of the close personal ties that had developed between him and Barbaro in negotiations for the loan of a pair of giant pandas from China to the Toronto Zoo. J.B.

P.S. FAMILY members cleaning the house of a Spanish priest who died recently found three works by Pablo Picasso stashed in a storage room.

The *Voz de Galicia* newspaper says the family of the priest in the small town of Priego, in the north-western province of Pontevedra, found a painting of Picasso's cousin Maria Ruiz on wood. Another picture done in tempera was of an unfinished figure, it said. The content of the third painting was not disclosed.

Ramon Faralde, authorized by the Paris Art Critics Association to catalogue Picasso's works, confirmed the authenticity of the paintings, the newspaper said.

Family members said they believe the priest, who was not identified by the paper, purchased the paintings during a trip to Paris in 1920. The paper said the value of the works had not been determined.

FORECASTS made in the national budget for the new year are disappointing. Israel's big problem is to bridge its yawning foreign-trade gap. In the event, exports will grow by a mere 5 per cent, a benefit that will be offset in part by a 2 per cent rise in imports.

That means \$630m. more exports, from which \$330m. more imports must be deducted. Our civilian trade deficit (omitting defence imports) will narrow by \$300m. or by one-tenth. Can we not do better?

Let us see first whether we are likely even to do that well. How did the forecasts made in last year's national budget (which predicted the country's economic performance in 1986) turn out? Imports were supposed to rise by 6 per cent; in fact, they rose by double that amount.

Exports were planned to go up by 10 per cent; they went up by 8 per cent. The trade deficit, which had narrowed from \$3.4b. in 1984 to \$2.5b. in 1985, was supposed to narrow a bit more to \$2.3b. It widened in fact to \$2.9b.

If we achieve our targets in the year 1987, we shall nevertheless be saddled with a foreign-trade gap \$300m. greater than it was two years ago. What has gone wrong?

WHAT WENT wrong in 1986 is that living standards shot up. Private consumption was billed to increase by less than one per cent per person, and increased by 10 per cent. Profits did not rise much because prices were frozen, but gross wages went up by 11.4 per cent, which goes far to explain the buying spree.

That deviation put all the reckonings of the Economic Planning Au-

THAT WAS probably diplomatic nicety that prompted the use of the term "a third state" - in the early reports out of Washington on Irangate - in referring to Israel, just as it was diplomatic "unicity" that brought the British, in the UN debates in the early days after Israel's independence, to refer to "the Jewish authorities." A similar motivation was evident in Pope Paul's thank-you message, radioed from his plane after his visit to Megiddo and Galilee, carefully avoiding Jewish Jerusalem, addressed to President Shazar, Tel Aviv.

Herzl preferred the term the state of the Jews, although the Jewish State has become accepted instead and has achieved a quasi-constitutional recognition both in Knesset legislation and Supreme Court decisions. The State of the Jews is preferable by far, including more and pretending less. The Jewish State, on the other hand, presumes to ascribe to the political entity a character that deserves the

description of Jewish. If Israel were, indeed, the State of the Jews it would be much easier to put up with the idolatry of the Baba Sali cult or the superstition of the Migdal Ha'emek rabbis, let alone the halachic inanities of Shas leader Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz. But since these are somehow within the generic term of Jewish, they also become descriptive of the character of the state itself. If this notion gives the reader an uneasy feeling in his gut, he had better first check the *ma'nu'zo*, to be sure that they are in order. It could be from that.

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KAREN A. WYLE

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Interest groups threaten exports

David Krivine

As things stand, the deficit will be enormously bigger.

TREASURY men say bravely that if more money is spent than budgeted, whether on education, health or rescuing ailing villages, compensatory cuts will have to be made elsewhere so that the budget deficit does not increase.

Everybody knows it must not increase because if it does we shall fail to achieve even the modest targets set by the EPA. But nobody knows where those compensating cuts can be made. Every interest group without exception has decided that its allocation shall not be cut by a single agora; and the Treasury no longer knows where to turn.

The budget is based among other things on a wage-freeze; meaning that when collective agreements come up for renewal at the end of this month, wage levels must remain unchanged. Histadrut chief Yisrael Kessar has made it clear that he does not accept this ruling. The package deal he concluded with the government and the employers involves the sacrifice of 2.7 per cent out of the cost-of-living allowance that should be paid as a result of the recent devaluation of the shekel - and no

with question marks. Cuts in the outlay on education and health are supposed to be made by charging school fees and consultation fees. Labour politicians oppose both.

Moreover, a good many concerns are in financial trouble, notably the kibbutzim and moshavim. Their debts will have to be rescheduled. (Vice-Premier Shimon Peres has indicated that he does not intend, as he phrases it, to preside over the liquidation of the country's collective and cooperative settlements.)

That has launched a new wave of demands. If Labour is getting money for the kibbutzim and moshavim, Likud wants money (over and above the cabinet's agreed budget) for West Bank settlements, and Agudat Yisrael wants money (likewise over and above the agreed budget) for yeshivot.

Claimants plug their sectional interest, without regard for the national interest. The overall budget deficit (that is, the printing of new money), due to be NIS 350m. in Nissim's first budget round, is hopefully restricted to NIS 400m. in the second round.

But has it been adopted by the nation? The estimates are riddled

A superstitious state

Allan E. Shapiro

are caused by mixed funerals has achieved legitimacy in the media. The popular TV news magazine, *Erev Hadash*, presents both sides of the issue - a debate between an appealing rabbi, speaking both in the name of the Zohar, the kabbalist classic, and the will of the people of Migdal Ha'emek, on one side, and the local representative of the Histadrut women's affiliate, Na'amnat, on the other. Against religion and democracy, that feminism, in the context of the discussion, almost seems like an alien growth.

Who won? Putting the two sides on an equal basis was already a judgment. Nostalgically, one can recall the debate in the early years of statehood, held in Montreal, Canada, when the noted historian, Arnold Toynbee, argued that Judaism rep-

resentation of a fossilized civilization, unsuited to resurrection in a modern state. The stirring rebuttal of the present president's late brother, Ya'acov Herzog, was a pinnacle of Zionist polemics. In the perspective of today, Toynbee's strictures cannot be easily dismissed.

If this latest obscurantism is Jewish, is it part of the bundle of values that goes into the concept of a Jewish State? If so, who needs it? Certainly not its founder and first prime minister, David Ben-Gurion, who married Paula in a civil ceremony, without benefit of clergy. But it was also Ben-Gurion who set us on the path of coalition compromise that brought the state of the Jews to its present low. Whatever may be the composition of the next government, it will come into being to the accompaniment of another sell-out to the clerical forces that call themselves Jewish.

The writer is a political scientist.

READERS' LETTERS

ELI LANDAU'S RECORD

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, - In your issue of January 14, the Mayor of Herzliya, Eli Landau, argues with Robert Rosenberg over his report of the Prime Minister's visit to Herzliya.

Blowing his own trumpet, Landau claims credit for a "vast number of achievements" which rightfully belong to his predecessor, Yosef Nevo.

I myself served on Nevo's city council throughout his three administrations, in the last two as deputy mayor, and am now also a member of Herzliya's city council. I am, therefore, in a position to know the facts and compare the achievements. Let us take Landau's claims one by one.

1. The sports stadium. When Landau took office in November 1983, two-thirds of the stadium had already been built and the requisite financing had been earmarked for its completion by the summer of 1984.

2. The shooting range. Originally Landau had nothing whatsoever to do with this project which was initiated by Nevo together with the Israel Marksmanship Association.

3. Country club and swimming pool. Landau implies that he built Herzliya's first municipal swimming pool. The facts are that we completed the Poster Sports Centre, which included a swimming pool as well as tennis courts, in Neve Amal, during Nevo's first administration and another pool was in the process of being completed on Givat Hasofer in Herzliya B during his last term of office. Furthermore, the swimming pool to which Landau refers was included in our authorized plan for the new sports centre and a tender issued for its construction in 1983. As, however, only one bid was received at the time, Nevo decided to issue a new tender after the elections. How Landau acted later in this matter is common knowledge, at least in Herzliya.

4. Landau's claim concerning Herzliya's educational system is really the acme of *huzpa*. Building and developing a modern educational system was the first priority in all our administrations. By the time Nevo left office, Herzliya's educational system was nationally recognized as one of the best in the

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DEALING IN DEATH

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, - Yosef Taban's defence counsel pleaded for mercy for him because he has four small children and it would be terrible for them to be without a father. But was Yosef Taban concerned about the dozens of young people he would have destroyed if he had sold his heroin in Israel?

Galed.

Sir, - I am against capital punishment, except in the case of drug pedlars. These are the worst type of murderers, killing young people in great numbers in order to enrich themselves.

L. STRICKER

Haifa.

Sir, - In 1985, 30 addicts died and in 1986, 30, with an estimated 10,000 addicts in Israel now. Responsible for their death and ruin are the drug smugglers, including those caught in Turkey, Indonesia, the U.S. and elsewhere. I cannot understand why somebody like Yosef Taban receives such favourable publicity and public sympathy.

ABRAHAM A. POLACHEK

Jerusalem.

Sir, - As the parent of a son who, as a teenager, was introduced to heroin with fateful effect by a pusher who offered free samples, I will not be at all "outraged" if the Egyptian law takes its course.

A HAIFAITE

(Name and address supplied.)

Haifa.

MORTGAGE CONCESSIONS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, - As I leave Israel at the end of the British Zionist Federation conference, I think it is important to try to correct one point from your report on our visit to the Prime Minister, Yitzhak Shamir (January 23).

While it is true that he justified the concessions being made to attract South African olim, he also promised to raise the question of the same mortgage concessions for UK olim with the Jewish Agency.

Therefore, I feel *The Jerusalem Post* headline saying Mr. Shamir spurned our appeal is somewhat misleading.

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NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, - I refer to your article of January 30, "The voice of the addict." As a recovering addict myself, I believe any article on drug addiction in Israel that does not mention Narcotics Anonymous is doing a disservice to the public.

This method of treatment has been proven highly successful in the U.S. and now exists throughout the world, based on the programme of Alcoholics Anonymous, which is better known. No drugs, hospitals or doctors are involved, just recovering addicts helping those still suffering, without charge. It worked for me and my story was no less perilous than that of "Lilith."

LARRY NARKOMAN

Givatayim.

I take issue, though, with Lilith's contention that it's the "safest approach" to help the addict sort out his life first and then worry about getting off drugs. Every drug addict has a million problems, none of which can be realistically confronted until the drug problem is solved. Most are caused by the drugs, anyway.

Although I am not an official spokesman for N.A., which can be reached at P.O.B. 16334, Tel Aviv and where help is available in Hebrew, English and Spanish, I am a member of this anonymous fellowship, so I must sign anonymously.

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